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SPRINGFIELD MAN, TEXAS WOMAN INDICTED IN METH, MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man and a Texas woman were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana.

Kenneth B. Bishop, 32, of Springfield, and **Priscilla Salinas**, 38, of Dallas, Texas, were charged in an eight-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Bishop** and **Salinas** conspired to distribute in excess of 500 grams of methamphetamine between December 2003, and June 13, 2004, in Greene County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Bishop** and **Salinas** conspired to distribute between five and 10 kilograms of marijuana between December 2003 and June 12, 2004, in Greene County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Salinas** possessed with intent to distribute between 150 and 500 grams of methamphetamine on June 13, 2004, in Greene County.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Salinas** possessed with intent to distribute between one kilogram and 2.5 kilograms of marijuana on June 13, 2004, in Greene County.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Bishop** possessed with intent to distribute between 150 to 500 grams of methamphetamine on June 13, 2004, in Greene County.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Bishop** possessed with intent to distribute between one and 2.5 kilograms of marijuana on June 13, 2004, in Greene County.

Count Seven of the federal indictment alleges that **Bishop** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on June 13, 2004, in Greene County.

Count Eight of the federal indictment alleges that **Bishop** possessed with intent to distribute between five and 10 kilograms of marijuana on June 13, 2004, in Springfield.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow